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Please add the following claim:

--Claim 45 (New). An apparatus for sealing a puncture made through the skin and body tissue of a patient into a body cavity having a wall, said apparatus comprising:

a. a temporary locating assembly comprising

i) an elongate control member having a length greater than the length of the puncture to be sealed and a cross-sectional size smaller than the width of the puncture so that said control member passes freely through the puncture, said control member having an indicator means control therewith.

ii) an expandable member fixedly mounted on said control member at a first prescribed location axially of said control member so that a portion of said control member extends exteriorly of the patient when said expandable member is located within the body cavity, said expandable member having a collapsed condition narrower in width than the width of the puncture for passage of said collapsed expandable member through the puncture into the body cavity and an expanded condition larger in width than the width of the puncture to prevent passage of said expandable member when in an expanded configuration through the puncture so that said control member can be used to pull said expanded expandable member in the body cavity up against that end of the

puncture opening into the body cavity to locate said expanded expandable member at the end of the puncture, and

- iii) positioning indicia at a prescribed first position on said control member where said

prescribed first position is located at a first prescribed distance from that portion of said expanded expandable member contacting the edge of the body cavity at the end of the puncture sufficiently great for the indicia to be located outside the patient; and,

- b. an applicator comprising

- i) an introducer member defining a projecting end thereon and an opening therethrough through which said control member can pass, and

- ii) an indicator located a second prescribed distance from said projecting end of said introducer member, said second prescribed distance being a prescribed small amount less than said first prescribed distance so that, when said introducer member of said applicator is inserted over said control member while said expandable member is expanded and pulled up against that end of the puncture opening into the body cavity using said control member, and said applicator is moved along said control member until said indicator is aligned with an indicator means on said control member, there is a positive indication that said projecting end of said introducer member is located inside the puncture in the vicinity of the end of the puncture opening into the body cavity but spaced from the end of the puncture by said prescribed small amount to insure that the projecting end of said introducer member is not projecting into the body cavity.